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(g) what is the number of sets purchased and the cost involved;

(h) the number of sets which have been declared as beyond repair;

(i) in the case of sets declared beyond repair, whether the cost of the sets is written off or still treated as a liability due from the local authorities; and

(j) what the procedure followed is, in regard to purchase of new sets?

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON (on behalf of Hon. Minister for Public Works) :—" (a) to (j) Attention is invited to the paper [a] placed on the table of the House."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether the Government propose to set up a workshop where these radio sets can be repaired without the need for sending them to the dealers for repair? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" That will be considered."

Cigarette factories in the Province.

* 161 Q.—SRI P. VEERABHADRASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(a) how many cigarette factories there are in our Province and where are they situated;

(b) what is their share capital owned by foreigners and by Indians;

(c) the total cost of the cigarettes produced in the Province during 1945–46 and 1946–47;

(d) the cost of cigarettes imported into the Province in 1945–46 and 1946–47; and

(e) whether Government propose to start cigarette factories in the Province or permit private individuals or companies to start a few factories?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" (a) There is one cigarette factory at Bezwada, Kistna district.

" (b) to (d) No information is available with the Government in respect of these.

" (e) Government do not propose to start any cigarette factory. No permission is required from the Government for the starting of cigarette factories by private individuals or companies. In case, however, the capital of the proposed company exceeds Rs. 5 lakhs, the usual sanction for Capital Issues has to be obtained from the Examiner of Capital Issues, New Delhi."

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a Printed as Appendix V on pages 42–49 infra.